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House Resolution No. 1636

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, sixty years ago on March 31, 1948, George Robert Akins took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ruth Doris Christiansen, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Sobereign in Nebraska City, Nebraska; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, George and Ruth Akins have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include five children and their spouses, Robert and Kathy Akins of Urbana, Elaine and Frank Toth of Tunas, Chuck and Terri Akins of Pittsburg, and Pat and Henry Glass and Jeff and Rachel Akins of Tunas; seventeen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, an avid reader, George Akins is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a construction worker at Truman Dam and on various bridges and roads; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Ruth Akins has further distinguished herself by growing beautiful flowers and hearty vegetables; and

Whereas, George and Ruth Akins have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Akins, residents of Buffalo, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones and attended by Ruth's six sisters, two brothers, their wives, a niece, a great-niece, and close family friends, all of whom came from out of state as a surprise on this joyous occasion held at the Maple Street Grill on March 29, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to George and Ruth Akins for their tremendous success in achieving sixty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Akins, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by

Representative Larry D. Wilson District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1636, adopted April 8, 2008.